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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of :

Kurt GRABER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3721

Application No.: 09/994,661

Examiner: S. Tawfik

Filed: November 28, 2001

Docket No.: 111113

For: METHOD OF, AND APPARATUS FOR, PRODUCING A NEWSPAPER

APPLICANTS' SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

On July 22, 2003, an interview was held with Examiner Tawfik and Applicants' representative, David Cho, the undersigned, in attendance.

Applicants' wish to express his appreciation to Examiner Tawfik for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative.

The purpose of the interview was to discuss the Office Action mailed March 18, 2003 and the Amendment filed June 18, 2003 and response thereto. Primary emphasis of the discussion was directed to independent claims 1 and 18. Applicants' initiated the interview by arguing that the Restriction Requirement was improper. In particular, Applicants' argued that the Examiner must examine all of the claims 1-18 since the claims are sufficiently related and that a thorough search for the subject matter for any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Further, Applicants' argued that if claim 1 is allowed, then claim 11 should also be allowed. The Examiner stated

that he will consider Applicants' arguments and review the claims to determine whether to examine all of the claims in the application.

As to the prior art rejection, Applicants' argued that Wolf fails to disclose or suggest continuously feeding individually sequentially printed sheets that form the individual section of the newspaper, as recited in claims 1 and 18. In particular, Applicant argued that the claimed invention discloses feeding individual sheet of paper, whereas Wolf discloses a continuous multiple web A, B, which requires that the webs A, B have the same width so that some sections are printed lengthwise while others are printed cross-wise. Further, Applicants' also argued that Wolf fails to disclose or suggest forming a stack of individual sheets and forwarding the stack.

The Examiner indicated that he would further consider the arguments and stated that an updated search would be required to determine whether the Amendment will place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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